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1. THE GOI-OWNED OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION (ONGC)
HAS ON ITS OWN COMMENCED EXPLORATORY DRILLING FOR OIL IN THE
CAUVERY OFFSHORE BASIN OFF THE KARAikal COAST
IN THE BAY OF BENGAL. THE DRILLING SITE IS PART OF THE
AREA RELINQUISHED BY THE CANADIAN INVESTIGATIONS

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2. THE ONGC IS UTILIZING THE AMERICAN DRILLING SHIP GETTYSBURG
FOR DRILLING AT THIS SITE. THE SHIP IS REPORTED TO DRILLED TO
A DEPTH OF 280 METERS AND IS EXPECTED TO
COMPLETE DRILLIN TO THE PROJECTED DEPTH OF 1,800 METERS BY
THE END OF JUNE. THE ONGC IS SAID TO HAVE "HIGH HOPES"
OF STRIKING OIL AT THIS SITE BECAUSE
AN EXPLORATORY ONSHORE WELL DRILLED IN THE

ADJOINING ONSHORE AREA TO A DEPTH OF 1,600 METERS IN
1976 YIELDED A FEW TONS OF OIL.
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